

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

Hardwood Timber Sale Iverson Wildlife Area

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The Natural Resource Commission is asked to approve the sale of an estimated 89,950 board feet of mixed hardwood trees at the Iverson Wildlife Area. The sale consists of 1,076 trees.

<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u># of Trees</u></b>	<b><u>Bd. Ft./Tree</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bd. Ft.</u></b>
Red Oak	273	138	37,750
White, Bur Oak	338	106	35,840
White Elm	12	92	1,010
Red Elm	6	107	640
Basswood	42	93	3,920
Hard Maple	7	71	500
Ash	5	98	490
Cherry	7	94	660
Hickory	41	96	3,940
Walnut	40	108	4,320
Butternut	2	70	140
Cottonwood, Aspen	7	106	740
Culls	296		
Totals	1076		89,950

The harvests will accomplish 3 acres of early successional habitat and 19 acres of clearcut which will be re-planted with native oak seedlings. These management practices are in accordance with the Iverson Forest Stewardship Plan, approved December 2009. The harvesting is being conducted specifically to improve habitat for game and non-game wildlife species including: ruffed grouse, woodcock, deer, turkey, warblers, cuckoo and eastern towhee.

A natural areas inventory was conducted, and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Wildlife den trees will not be marked and will be left standing. Best management practices (BMP's) will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the SMA (within 50 feet of the adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.

The following bids were received for the sale:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount of Bid</b>
Grau Logs and Lumber, Inc.	Elkader, IA	\$37,243.00
Dan Jones Logging	Waterville, IA	\$33,079.00
Jones Wood Heating and Logging	McGregor, IA	\$30,873.00
Meyer Timber Company	New Albin, IA	\$15,641.00

The Commission is requested to approve a contract with the high bidder, Grau Logs and Lumber, Inc. for \$37,243.00.

Paul Tauke, Forestry Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
April 8, 2010

Attachment: Notice of Timber for Sale (including maps)

### **Notice of Timber For Sale**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting competitive bids from bonded Timber Buyers to purchase, cut, and remove standing timber at Iverson Wildlife Area in Allamakee County, Iowa. Iverson Wildlife Area is located approximately 9 miles northwest of Waukon.

**Description of Work and Scope of Services:** The State of Iowa is offering approximately 89,950 board feet (Scribner) of timber in 1,076 trees as shown below. The trees are all marked with blue paint. There are 296 cull trees marked with an blue "X". These trees may be harvested, but are not included in the board foot volume of the sale. The trees are located on areas as shown on the enclosed map. Buyers should satisfy themselves by examination as to the quality and quantity of timber offered. The timber is accessible through state land.

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Timber Buyer shall avoid any unnecessary damage to trees that are not marked for cutting.

Cutting is permitted only during the period of August 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, with the exclusion of no harvesting activities during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shotgun deer hunting seasons. It is the responsibility of Timber Buyer to obtain permission from DNR's Project Manager prior to working in the area.

Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices must be followed. An Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices Guide is available upon request from the Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau by calling (515) 281-5441. Streams, roads and trails shall remain free of logging debris.

Motor vehicles and logging equipment shall be operated only in designated areas. All logs shall be skid on designated trails, and decked and loaded in designated areas. All skid trails and decking areas shall be returned to satisfactory condition by Timber Buyer once the operation is complete. ***Logging and hauling can take place only when the ground is firm or frozen. All wood must be removed from the fields.***

#### **Proposed Project Schedule:**

Trees must be completely removed from the site no later than (24 months from contract date).

**Submission of Proposals:** Proposals shall include a bid proposal including the total amount bid for the offered timber, signature, date, printed name and organization name of the Timber Buyer on the enclosed bid proposal form.

Bonded Timber Buyers shall submit proposals to DNR at the following address:

Gary Beyer, District Forester  
621 Beck Street  
Charles City, Iowa 50616  
641/228-6611 (office)  
319/240-6426 (cell)

All bids must be submitted as lump sum bids for all trees marked, sealed in an envelope, and marked "***Iverson Timber Sale***". For the proposal to be considered timely, it must be received by DNR no later than (time will be set for 3 weeks from when bids are sent out). Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned to the Timber Buyer. The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Timber Buyer.

From the date of issuance of this Notice of Timber for Sale until announcement of the successful Timber Buyer, Timber Buyers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this Bid Notice other than the identified contact person. Timber Buyers may submit written questions relating to the interpretation of this Notice and the procurement process to Gary Beyer at the

above address by no later than (time, day, and date set 1 week prior to bid opening). Written responses to any questions received will be provided to all potential Timber Buyers. Any attempt to discuss this Notice orally or in writing with any members of the DNR evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa other than the above-named DNR official, will lead to disqualification of that Timber Buyer.

**Payment:**

The successful Timber Buyer shall make full payment upon signing the Contract. No cutting of timber will be permitted until the Contract has been signed and full payment made to DNR.

**Acceptance Attached Contract Terms and Conditions:**

By submitting a proposal, each Timber Buyer acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract located at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/forestry/timbersales.html>. If a Timber Buyer takes exception to a provision, it must state the reason for the exception and set forth in its proposal the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Exceptions that materially change these terms or the requirements of this Notice of Timber for Sale may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR, as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of Timber Buyer's proposal. With regard to the contract, DNR and the successful Timber Buyer may agree to modifications to the terms of the contract as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract. A Timber Buyer's failure to state an exception to any provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute Timber Buyer's acceptance thereof. DNR reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the successful Timber Buyer for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

**Miscellaneous Information:** The DNR reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, and to cancel this Notice at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Timber Buyer may be treated as a public record by the DNR unless the Timber Buyer properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.

**BID PROPOSAL**

Timber Buyer's Proposal shall include an all-inclusive, total price in U.S. Dollars (including all travel, expenses, etc.) for the timber offered.

Amount Bid for 1,076 trees with an estimated 89,950 board feet of timber on the Iverson Wildlife Area.

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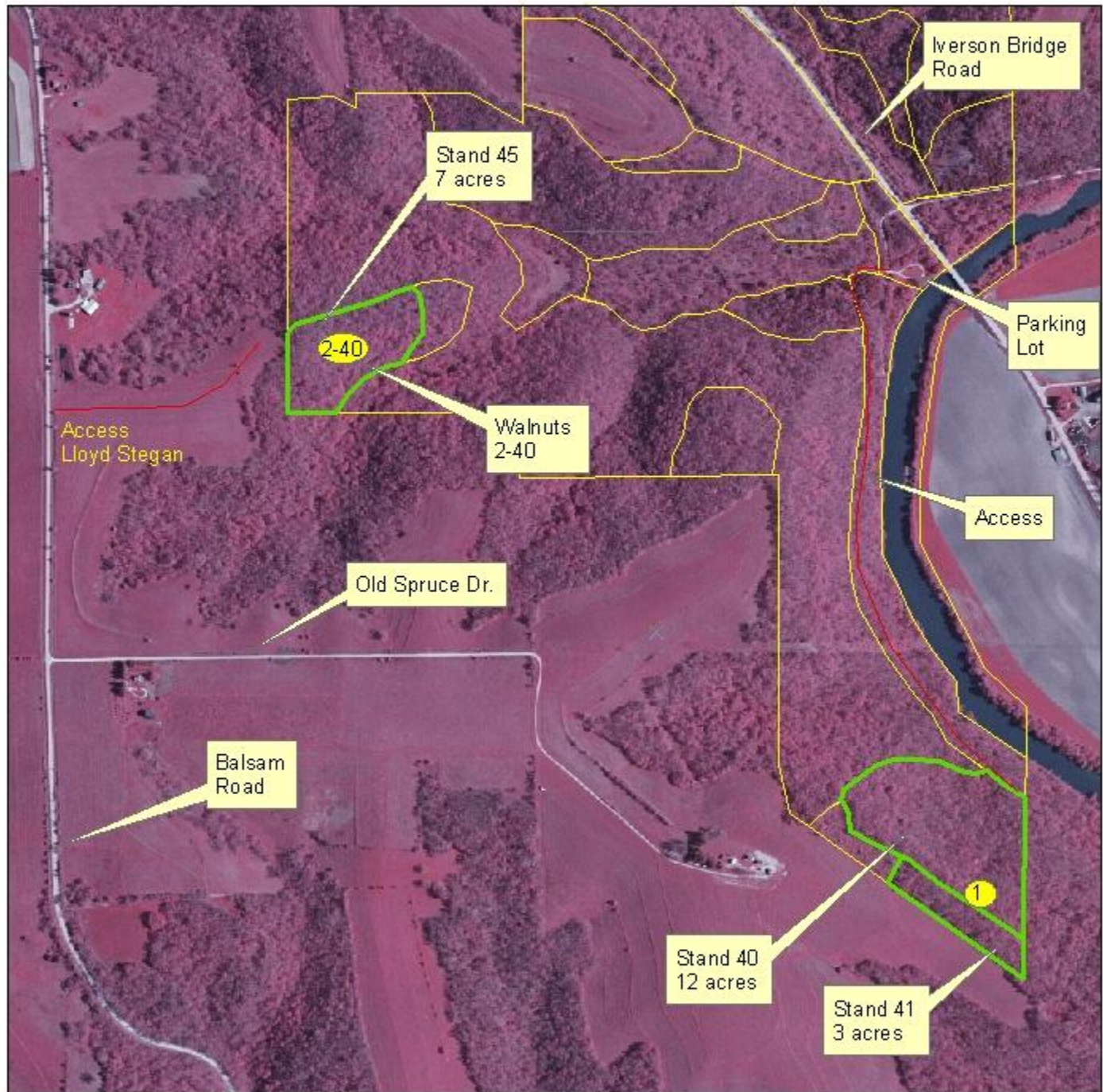
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vendor Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**TIMBER SALE ON IVERSON WILDLIFE AREA**  
**1,076 TREES - 89,950 BD. FT.**  
**Marked With Blue Paint**



Sec. 12 & 13 Pleasant Twsp.,  
T99N-R7W, Winneshiek Co.  
Sec. 5, 7, 8 & 18 Hanover Twsp.,  
T99N-R6W, Allamakee Co.

